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Fig. 2.

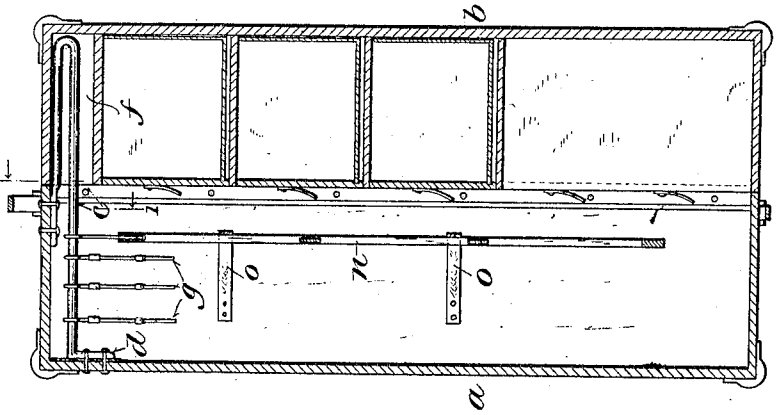
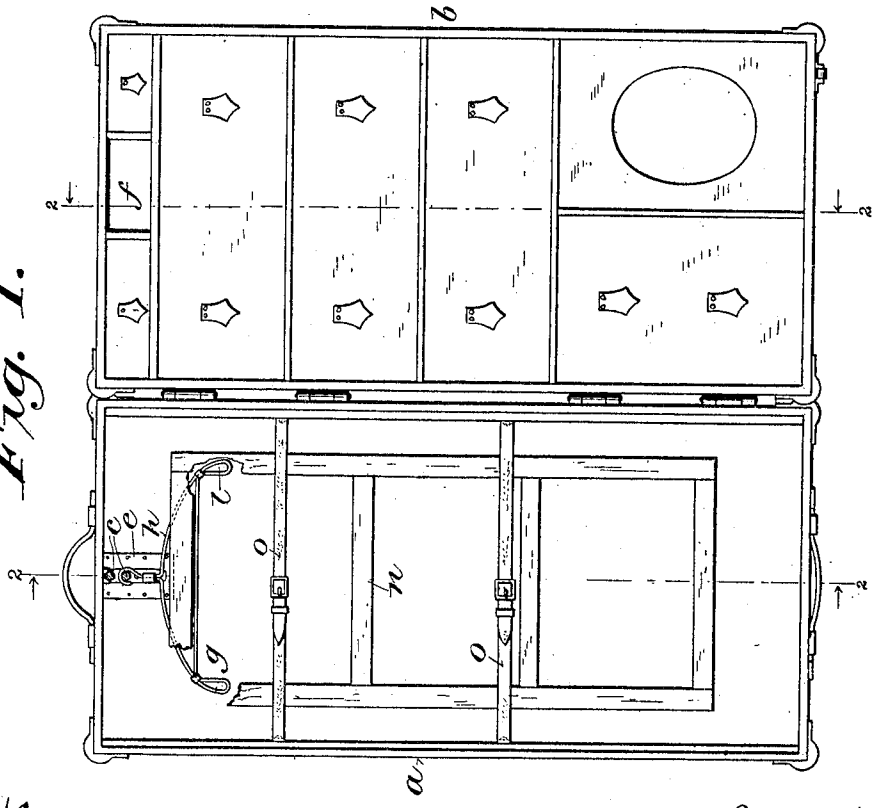


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALONZO D. SEAMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Trunks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part thereof.

This invention relates more particularly to the means for hanging clothing in trunks of this kind. Its main objects are to avoid sliding supports for the hangers which with the hard usage to which trunks are subjected are apt to bind and work hard or to become detached or loose; to secure strength and lightness in the construction of the hanging devices, and generally to simplify and improve the construction and to increase the convenience of devices of this class.

It consists in certain novel features of construction and in the peculiar arrangement and combination of parts as hereinafter particularly described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing like characters designate the same parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a front view showing a trunk embodying the present invention open and set on end in position for use as a wardrobe or dresser, the hanger-supporting rod being shown in cross section on the line 1, 1, Fig. 2, and Fig. 2 is a section on the lines 2, 2, Fig. 1 of the trunk when closed.

a designates the body or hanging compartment of the trunk, and *b* the lid or cover section which is hinged thereto in the usual manner and may be provided with drawers or compartments, as shown, for packing smaller articles.

A hanger-supporting rod *c*, which may be conveniently made from round steel or other metal, is formed at one end with a flattened transverse foot *d* which is perforated and bolted or riveted as shown in Fig. 2, to the back of the trunk body or hanging compartment *a* adjacent to the top or one end thereof. To stiffen the back or bottom of the body or compartment *a* which is usually made of thin wood or other light material, a sheet metal plate *e* is interposed, as shown, between the foot and back and is nailed or otherwise securely fastened to the back. The rod *c* is looped or bent back substantially parallel with itself, as shown in Fig. 2, and its other end is flattened and bolted or riveted to the top or adjacent end of the compartment *a*. The looped or bent portion of the rod extends outwardly beyond the front or open side of the compartment *a*, and the lid or cover *b* is formed with an open space or compartment *f* into which it extends when the trunk is closed, as shown in Fig. 2. The looped or bent metal rod *c* formed as shown and permanently attached at both ends to the back and top respectively of the hanging compartment, makes a strong, firm support for clothing hangers which will not work loose and become detached and which is not liable to be bent so as to interfere with placing and sliding the hangers thereon and removing them therefrom. It avoids in the construction of the hanger-support all sliding and pivot joints which, with the hard usage to which trunks are ordinarily subjected, are apt to get out of order, bind and work hard.

g g are hangers loosely hooked over the rod *c* and specially designed and adapted for suspending therefrom various articles of clothing so as to hold the same securely in place when the trunk is packed and closed, and to afford easy access to and removal of any article without disturbing others when the trunk is stood on end and opened.

To securely hold clothing placed on the hangers *g* in place when the trunk is closed, a follower or light open clamping frame *n*, such as is usually used in this class of trunks, is loosely and removably hung on the rod *c*, and straps *o* provided with buckles are attached to opposite sides of the compartment *a* for adjustably binding said follower frame snugly against the clothing contained in said compartment.

I claim:

1. In a wardrobe trunk the combination with a hanging compartment, of a metal hanger-supporting rod attached at one end to the back of said compartment, extending outwardly therefrom beyond the open front of the compartment and bent back and attached at its other end to the top of the compartment, substantially as described.

2. In a wardrobe trunk the combination with a hanging compartment, of a metal hanger-supporting rod having a laterally bent foot at one end which is attached to the

back of the compartment, said rod extending outwardly beyond the front of the compartment and looped backward, its other end being attached to the top of the compartment, substantially as described.

3. In a wardrobe trunk the combination with a hanging compartment, of a looped metal hanger-supporting rod attached at one end to the back and at the other end to the top of said compartment, the looped part of the rod projecting beyond the front of the compartment, and a hinged cover section having a compartment into which the looped part of said rod extends when the trunk is closed, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I hereto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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